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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON BRITISH STEEL INDUSTRY

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1. ANSWERS TO STATE REFTEL RECEIVED ARE ON INFORMAL BASIS FROM BSC, FOLLOW:

A. BSC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CAPACITV (THEORETICAL) CY 1974 26 MILLION METRIC TONS LIQUID STEEL (PRODUCTION ACTUAL CY 1973, "A GOOD YEAR", 24.9 MILLION METRIC TONS LIQUID STEEL).

B. CAPACITY 1980 ("PROVISIONAL AND APPROXIMATE") 30 MILLION TONS BSC AND 2.4 MILLION TONS FROM PRIVATE SECTOR.

C. 3,000 MILLION POUNDS TOTAL INVESTMENT SCHEDULED BUT NOT YET GIVEN FINAL HMG APPROVAL TO BE SPENT BY BSC TO REACH 1980 OUTPUT GOAL, PRIVATE INVESTMENT PLANS NOT AVAILABLE.

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D. 33 MILLION METRIC TONS LIQUID STEEL DOMESTIC DEMAND

ESTIMATED FOR 1980.

E. BSC PLANS TO TRY MAINTAIN TREND EXPORT LEVEL OF  
20 PER CENT PRODUCTION UP TO AND THROUGH 1980.

1. FYI TREND IMPORTS 12 PER CENT TOTAL STEEL DEMAND BUT  
DUE HEAVY DEMAND AND VARIOUS BOTTLENECKS NOW RUNNING AT  
ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF TOTAL DOMESTIC DEMAND. ACCORDING  
TO FINANCIAL TIMES, JULY 12, 1974 OUTPUT FOR FIRST SIX  
MONTHS, 1974 WAS 16.8 PER CENT BELOW SAME PERIOD LAST  
YEAR DUE TO AFTER EFFECTS COAL STRIKE, SCRAP SHORTAGES  
AND VARIOUS LABOR PROBLEMS. STEEL OUTPUT FOR THE FIRST  
SIX MONTHS OF 1974 PER SAME FINANCIAL TIMES ARTICLE  
WAS "11,307,200 METRIC TONS COMPARED WITH 13,583,700  
METRIC TONS IN SAME MONTHS OF 1973".  
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